

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~March 19th, 1959COCOM Document No. 3458COORDINATING COMMITTEERECORD OF DISCUSSIONONUNITED STATES PROPOSAL TO ADD ITEM 1510 TO THE ITEMS LISTED IN ITEM 1416(c).March 12th, 1959

Present: Belgium(Luxembourg), Canada, Denmark, France, Germany, Italy, Japan, Netherlands, Norway, Turkey, United Kingdom, United States.

References: COCOM 549, 1104, 3376, 3379, 3397, 3422, 3442, 3445, 3455, Sub-C.(58) 3.

1. The CHAIRMAN recalled that at the previous meeting the United States Delegate had made a proposal concerning the installation of equipment caught by Item 1510 in ships sold to the Soviet Bloc (COCOM 3455, paragraph 4). The German and United Kingdom Delegates had stated that this proposal was unacceptable to their authorities but the Danish Delegate had commented favourably on it. He invited Delegates to give the views of their authorities.
2. The UNITED STATES Delegate said that he had been greatly heartened by the Danish Delegate's favourable reception of the United States proposal at the previous meeting. He would be interested to hear the views of other Delegates concerning Item 1510 as far as sales of ships were concerned. With regard to ship repairs, the Delegate said that the position of his authorities remained unchanged: they wished Item 1510 to remain prohibited in its entirety in this context and they suggested that this might best be achieved by including a reference to Item 1510 in paragraph 2(b) of the text prepared by the Drafting Group or else by adding a new sub-paragraph (d) to paragraph 2 (COCOM 3442).
3. The GERMAN and UNITED KINGDOM Delegates confirmed that their position remained unchanged from that described in COCOM 3455 (paragraph 5 and 6 respectively).
4. The BELGIAN, CANADIAN, FRENCH, ITALIAN, JAPANESE, NETHERLANDS, NORWEGIAN and TURKISH Delegates stated that they would follow the position of the majority of the Committee on the United States proposal.
5. The DANISH Delegate said that since it seemed that the United States proposal could be accepted by a large majority of the Committee he could now give his official agreement.
6. Following confirmation by the United States Delegate of the Danish understanding (COCOM 3455, paragraph 7) that the United States proposal did not require prior consultation, the GERMAN and UNITED KINGDOM Delegates undertook to resubmit the United States proposal to their authorities once more.
7. The COMMITTEE agreed to hear the further views of the German and United Kingdom Governments on March 19th.

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8. The DANISH Delegate asked whether the United States Delegation would be prepared to accept the same position on ship repairs as they had proposed for the sale of ships. He also asked whether it was the United States wish to see their proposal on sales, if accepted by the Committee, included as a Note to the definition of Item 1416.

9. The UNITED STATES Delegate responded that the United States proposal could be implemented by a Note to the definition of Item 1416 or a sub-paragraph (d) in paragraph 2 of the draft document on ship repairs. His authorities could not accept the same position with regard to the treatment of Item 1510 in the course of ship repairs, as suggested by the Danish Delegate, and he pointed out in this context that the present position was that the installation of all List I items was prohibited while a ship was being repaired. His authorities were nevertheless willing to limit the prohibition with respect to ship repairs to the provisions mentioned in paragraph 2 of the text prepared by the Drafting Group and to Item 1510.

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